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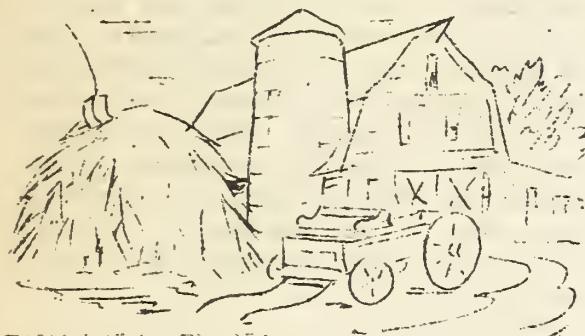
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FARM LABOR PROGRAM

If you're living city-style and haven't a scrap of ground for growing even an onion, here's just the program for you. Through the volunteer farm labor program of the Agriculture Extension Service you can spend your Sundays and your vacation on a farm rendering a patriotic service in helping to produce food and at the same time giving yourself an enjoyable and healthful time in the open air. In a couple of weeks the Farm Labor Office here in the District will send out a call for emergency farm workers. That's YOU, so be ready to answer that call. We'll keep you posted on needs of the farmers in this area, but if you'd like to go ahead on your own, call Mr. W. A. Sherman on Di. 7000, ext. 371 and tell him you're standing by. He is located at the U. S. Employment Service, 505 - k Street, N. W. Be thinking, too, about that farm vacation.

EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

The employee activities questionnaires which were distributed to all employees through contact officers are now being returned. We plan to develop a service and recreation program to meet the needs expressed by you on the completed questionnaires. If your questionnaire has gotten down to the bottom of your work basket, dig it out now and send it back completed to your contact officer. How else will we know what YOU want in the proposed program?

VICTORY GARDENERS

The Garden Club will meet in the Auditorium on Thurs., May 3, from 4:30 to 5:15. A discussion on lima, pole and snap beans and proper growing methods will be presented by Dr. Roy Magruder. The panel will also be available to answer your gardening questions. All employees are invited to attend.

In planning your Garden remember that the more you grow the more you'll have to can. Your home-grown vegetables will taste mighty good next winter. For canning instructions, see the Dept. bulletin, Home Canning of Fruits and Vegetables.

Home Canning of Meat is an excellent bulletin on poultry and meat canning. Both bulletins may be obtained at the Publication Desk in the Patio.

RECORDS OF PATRIOTISM

The Department is extremely proud of its four members of the exclusive Two Gallon Club. Walter Larrimer and Ivan Sims of FS, Catherine Rowland of OMF and Elizabeth Macintyre of AAA have each given 16 pints of blood to the Red Cross to become eligible for membership.

Mrs. Macintyre, the newest member of the honored organization, has a further record of war time contributions which are worthy of emulation. For the past two years she has invested 20% of her salary each month in War Bonds and has also bought one \$1000 Bond. She has completed 55 hours of the 80-hour Nurses' Aid Training Course and she is permanent keywoman in her division for all War Drives. Mrs. Macintyre has no close relatives in the armed services.

Ask yourself: "How is my personal war service record? Do I measure up?"

U. S. N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC

On May 16 and 17 at 8:15 p.m. the USN School of Music will present a concert by Band and Chorus in commemoration of its tenth anniversary. It will be held at Constitution Hall. Glenn Burris, Mus. 2/c, called the "Golden Voice of the Navy" by the late Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, will be the vocal soloist.

Admission on May 16 will be by invitation only, but for May 17 free tickets may be obtained from the Campbell Music Co., 2229 G St., N.W.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Have you seen the excellent leaflet, Highlights of the Nation's Capital, issued recently by the Washington Board of Trade? If you're interested in sightseeing, and this is the time of year for it, you'll want to have a copy of "Highlights" which in addition to short historical items on Washington points of interest has 10 lovely pictures and a small map of downtown Washington. Your contact officer has a limited supply of these leaflets for interested persons.

SOFTBALL FANS

Softball fans, D. C. Recreation has had difficulty scheduling fields for the 700 Government teams interested in playing. However, they have promised us permits this week and you will be notified when and where by your contact officer as soon as the permits are received. Here's hoping for a bang-up season for softballers.

ATTENTION: S. E. EMPLOYEES

All you men who live in Naylor Gardens and the surrounding area are invited to join the Naylor Gardens Softball League, if it isn't convenient for you to play in the Department League. The Naylor Gardens League is composed entirely of Agriculture and WPA employees. There are eight teams, each playing one night a week at the Hillcrest Community Playground. Mr. Ward, FCIC, ext. 4621, will be glad to welcome you into the league.

EMPLOYEES' NEWSLETTER

DO YOU WRITE POETRY?

Do you write poetry? Or do you like to try? Amateur versifiers among government workers have organized a "Bookfellows Club". They meet twice a month to enjoy each others attempts to create either laughable or beautiful verse and to improve their own styles thru study and comparison with classical forms.

"The Bookfellows" is a small magazine of original writings by members. It is 25¢ a copy.

Regular meetings are held on Fridays at 5:30. Employees of all Government agencies are eligible for membership.

If you do write poetry or like to try, call Mrs. West, ext. 3105, to register for the Club.

STATE SOCIETIES

Alabama Dance - May 4, 8:45 to 11:45, Sapphire Room at the Mayflower.

South Dakota Luncheon - Sun., May 6, 1 p.m. Make reservations in advance. Call M. McCawley, ext. 4561, room 1251 S. for tickets.

New York and Alabama - Boat Ride on the Potomac - May 16 at 8:30.

HOSTESS COURSE

Girls, on May 7, at 7:30 a hostess course of seven classes, to be given on consecutive Mondays, will begin at Friendship House, 619 D St., S. E. Each girl who attends all meetings will receive an O. C. D. Hostess card. A 25¢ registration fee is charged. It is necessary to make reservations prior to May 7, by calling Friendship House, L. 6202.

EXHIBITION OF BRITISH HANDICRAFTS

An exhibition of outstanding work by contemporary British craftsmen will be shown in the National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, entrance Constitution Avenue, at Tenth Street, Northwest, from May 8 to 28. Open daily, including Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

It reaches Washington at the conclusion of a three-year tour of leading museums in the United States and Canada, having opened in the Metropolitan Museum in New York in 1942.

The collection includes silver, glass, pottery, books, furniture and a wide range of textiles - Scottish tweeds and tartans, handprinted and handwoven linens, rugs, fine quilting and embroideries. Four small rooms, a country dining room and bedroom, and a town dining room and music room, form the nucleus of the display. A group of rural crafts, including farm implements and baskets, form an introduction to the artist-craftsmen's work.

The men and women whose skills are represented are now absorbed in Britain's war effort. This exhibition comes to show something of their pre-war activities, an aspect of British art never before comprehensively shown in this country.

SEVENTH WAR LOAN

We're starting on the second month of this bond Drive. Have you authorized payroll deductions, yet? Or have you bought a bond for cash? There are just sixty more days.

WANT RIDES

THE WALSH CLUB

The Walsh Club at rear of 1523-22nd St., N.W. is for all war workers, and that means you. It has a diversified program to please every taste. There is dancing, cards, radio, table games and table tennis to be enjoyed anytime between 4 and 11 p.m. Monday thru Friday, 5 to 11:45 on Saturdays and 1 to 11:45 on Sundays. The club is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for government office parties.

The following program has been planned for May: Square-dancing class on Mondays, beginning at 7:30; Latin American dancing class on Wednesdays from 9 to 10; waltz and fox-trot class on Friday; Saturday nights - just plain dance. Spring Formal on Saturday, May 19.

Sunday Socials consist of pleasant informal dancing, or if you prefer you may go upstairs and listen to your favorite radio programs.

Russian and Spanish classes are regular features of the club. A bit of intellectual recreation.

A bridge party is held every Friday night at 8 p.m. You may use the club cards and tables any evening for your own foursome.

For further information on any of the club's activities call De. 8398 between 4 and 11 or Ad. 2050 between 9 and 5. This is a home-style club with many recreation activities for you and your friends.

TEMPORARILY ON CRUTCHES, miss Waldfogel, of 4412 First Place, N.E. (near North Capitol and Hawaii Ave.) needs a ride. Call ext. 5029.

Mr. Poindexter, 818 N. Taylor St., Arlington, Va., ext. 2866

Mrs. Thomas, 6519 Maple Ave., Chevy Chase, Md., ext. 3781

Mr. Miller, 1722 S. Nelson St., Arlington, Va., ext. 6071

Miss Crile, 2100 - 16th St., N.W., Roosevelt Hotel, ext. 2202

Miss Trail, 1756 Columbia Road, N.W., ext. 3491

Miss Leeper, 16th and Columbia Road, N.W., ext. 3504

Mr. Gray, 12th and Rhode Island Ave., N.E., ext. 3120

Mrs. Smith, 2853 Ontario Road, N.W., ext. 3722

WANTS RIDERS

Mr. Gossom, 4022 - 18th Road, N., Cherrydale, Va., ext. 5323

WANT ROTATERS

Mr. Browning, 329 Lincoln Ave., Falls Church, Va., ext. 4520

Mr. W. A. Jump, 3247 Patterson St., N.W., ext. 3323

THE ZOO

Have you been to the Zoo this year? It's open from 6 a.m. till 7:30 p.m. Buildings are open from 9 to 4:30 week days and 9 to 5 on Sun. Lions and tigers are fed at 11:30, monkeys and penguins at 2, bears and sea lions at 3. You may eat anytime between 9 and 5 at the Zoo restaurant or take a picnic along. Here's your Sunday outing all planned for you!